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Important Alert: New Law Requiring Proof of Citizenship and Identity

Dear Recipient:

You now receive health care benefits from the State of Maryland's Children's Health Program or Medical Assistance Program (for example, HealthChoice, the Primary Adult Care Program, and all waiver programs). After **July 1, 2006**, if you declare to be a U.S. citizen, a new federal law requires you to provide proof of your United States citizenship and your identity. **We HAVE proof of your identity. You must provide proof of your citizenship.**

You will need to provide proof of your citizenship to your caseworker at the local department of social services or local health department at your next redetermination. You should receive your redetermination package soon. Your eligibility for healthcare benefits may end if you do not provide documentation by the stated due date. However, your eligibility for health care benefits will continue as long as you work with your caseworker and are trying to get acceptable documents to prove your citizenship. Your caseworker may be able to assist you in obtaining those documents.

Below is a list of some of the acceptable documents that you can show to your caseworker to prove your citizenship.

Proof of Citizenship
U.S. Passport (current or expired); Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570); or Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)
U.S. birth certificate
Certificate of citizen born abroad: DS-1350, FS-240, FS-545
ID card for naturalized citizen living in Mexico or Canada: I-179 or I-197
Final adoption decree for child born in U.S.
Evidence of U.S. civil service employment before 6/1/76
Military service record showing U.S. place of birth
For children under 16 only: record on hospital letterhead or other medical record, created near the date of birth and showing the U.S. place of birth (not including an immunization record)
Federal or state census record for 1900-1950 showing U.S. citizenship or U.S. place of birth as well as age

Proof of Citizenship
Record showing U.S. place of birth, if created at least 5 years before initial Medical Assistance or MCHP application: record on hospital letterhead or other medical record established at the time of birth; institutional admission papers; signed statement by physician or midwife who attended the birth; Vital Statistics official notice of birth registration; life, health, or other insurance record
An affidavit (written statement signed under penalty of perjury), which is signed by two individuals who are both citizens and have personal knowledge of the recipient's citizenship. One of the individuals signing must <i>not</i> be related to the recipient. A third affidavit, which is signed by you or your representative, to explain why there is no proof available.

Your caseworker may be able to assist you in obtaining those documents. If you have questions about these new requirements, you can also call:

1-866-676-5880 (toll free)

410-949-1049

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame:

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